

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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NOTICE: A public Candidate Forum, question/answer session, will be held from 6:00-7:00 PM, prior to meeting, for all 8 candidates running for the 4 open seats on the Boulevard Planning Group. Crosby Milne will moderate.

DATE: Thursday, October 2, 2008 **PLACE:** Boulevard Community Center, 39919 Ribbonwood Road

TIME: 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER 2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM / ROLL CALL

1. Marilyn Polen 2. Pat Stuart 3. Jeffrey McKernan 4. Donna Tisdale
5. Bill Parsons 6. Darlene Koczka 7. Chris Noland

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4. CORRESPONDENCE:

5 NEW BUSINESS:

A. SAN DIEGO ASTRONOMY ASSOCIATION: NIGHT SKIES: This item is tentative pending schedule confirmation. The President of the SDAA, Bob Austin, has requested a few minutes to introduce himself and see what they can do to help keep our night skies from being further degraded by light pollution.

B. PARKLAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) 5-YEAR PRIORITY LIST: Dept. Of Parks and Recreation has requested the annual update of Boulevard's five-year park project priority list for the expenditure of PLDO funds in our community. The previous priority list can be adopted or revised.

C. NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR TWO 4-LOT MINOR SUBDIVISIONS: TPM 20777, ER 03-21-006, GARZA AND TPM 20784, ER 03-21-009, BENNETT, LOCATED AT 1270 AND 1268 SHASTA WAY, BOULEVARD: TPM 20777 proposes to subdivide 49.5 acres into four lots and one remainder lot ranging from 8 to 17.31 acres. TPM 20784 proposes to subdivide a 47.46 acre parcel into four lots and one remainder lot, ranging from 8 to 13.75 acres. The Mitigated Neg Dec is available at <http://www.co.sandiego.ca.us/dplu/cegapublicreview.html>, at the Dept. Of Planning and Land Use Project processing counter, and at the Pine Valley Library. For information contact Michelle Conners at 858-694-2636 or Michelle.Conners@sdcountry.ca.gov. Comment deadline is 4 PM Oct 17th.

B. COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE : As part of the General Plan Update, planning groups are reviewing and revising their existing community plans, using the County template. A report will be made on the Special Planning Group meetings, held September 11th and 25th, to draft the History section and the Vision Statement. Next steps will be reviewed and/or acted on.

6 .OLD BUSINESS - UPDATES - POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS (SVP): An update will be given. Willing landlords, some absentee, are the main reason Sexually Violent Predators are being placed in the Boulevard and Jacumba.

B. BLM DOWNGRADES VISUAL RESOURCE CLASSIFICATIONS TO ALLOW FOR INDUSTRIAL SCALE WIND AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PRODUCTION AND MINING ON PUBLIC LAND IN EAST COUNTY: The Bureau of Land Management filed a Notice of Significant Change to the Final EIS for the Eastern San Diego County Resource Management Plan. The comment period closed August 26. The Record of Decision is pending.

C. SUNRISE POWERLINK RECIRCULATED DEIR/EIS: The California Public Utilities Commission is expected to make a decision in October or November. There is strong political pressure to avoid the Anza Borrego State Park route by approving the Environmentally Superior Southern Route through Jacumba, Boulevard, La Posta, Campo, Potrero, Japatul, Alpine. A vote will be taken on whether or not to send letters to our elected officials.

D. 200 MW INDUSTRIAL WIND ENERGY PROPOSED IN MCCAIN VALLEY: PPM Energy/Iberdrola Renewables is revising their previous Plan of Development to take advantage of BLM's recent actions to triple the acreage available. PPM/Iberdrola needs an easement across private lands for a new 7-10 mile transmission line to connect to an expanded Boulevard Substation. They do not have the ability to use eminent domain.

E. SEMPRA'S BAJA WIND APPLICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT FOR CROSS-BORDER 500KV LINE AT JACUMBA (DOE docket no. PP-334): This project consists of a new cross-border 500kv transmission line and 500-600 industrial wind turbines at the border just east of Jacumba, adjacent to Big Horn Sheep Habitat and the Jacumba Wilderness Area. The amended Dept. Of Energy application states that the Sunrise Powerlink or other new transmission line will be needed to move new energy above 80 MW. The turbines will exceed 400 feet in height and will be highly visible from Boulevard, the Anza Borrego State Park, Ocotillo, and other areas.

F. SDG&E'S PROPOSED ECO SUBSTATION AND 14 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE REQUIRED FOR WIND GENERATION PROJECTS: The Boulevard Substation at Tule Jim and Historic Rt 80 is proposed to be expanded from 1/4 acre to 3/4 acre onto private property. 14 miles of new transmission lines (steel poles 100' tall) will be needed to connect the substation to the Southwest Powerlink at the proposed ECO Substation near Jacumba. SDG&E needs to file applications with the PUC. SDG&E has the right of eminent domain.

G. GOLDEN ACORN CASINO/HOTEL PROPOSED EXPANSION: On-hold. No new information available.

H. CAMPO LANDFILL: The Supplemental EIS (SEIS) for this 600-acre landfill on Campo's tribal lands is projected to be released for public comment by year's end. In a new development, several site-specific waiver applications, to allow deviation from standard federal landfill regulations, will be included in the SEIS rather than being reviewed separately.

I. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: Work on the community plan update is ongoing. The Draft Revisions to Public Road Standards is also out for review and will be on the November agenda.

J. TRAIL SYSTEM POTENTIAL FOR BOULEVARD: An update is expected from ad-hoc trails committee.

K. MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN (MSCP) FOR EAST COUNTY: No new information.

L. WEST-WIDE ENERGY CORRIDOR PROGRAMMATIC IS: The Boulevard, Jacumba, Campo, area has been included in the federally designated energy corridor which can include multiple power lines, phone lines, fiber optic lines, gas, oil, and hydrogen pipelines. A formal legal challenge has been filed against this and other national energy corridors. New reports encourage more high-pressure gas lines in Southern California.

M. LANSING COMPANIES: Greg Lansing claims to control 7,800 Boulevard acres, including Big Country and Empire Ranch. Lansing has announced plans for a comprehensive community plan revision, covering approximately 19,000 acres, to incorporate his vision for a master-planned Boulevard—including wind energy.

N. INVENERGY WIND: Invenergy's plans for wind energy development on private land the area is apparently ongoing. They have not presented plans. Currently, a Major Use Permit is required for installation of a meteorological test tower. County regulations limit wind turbine height to 80 feet with strict set-back requirements.

O. PROPOSED CHANGES FOR METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS FOR WIND ENERGY TESTING: Invenergy's local representative publicly denied that Invenergy was involved with the new met tower which was recently installed on private property at Tierra Del Sol Road and Hwy 94 without any permits. It appears to exceed 120 feet in height. In an unexpected move, County Supervisors Roberts and Horn docketed a benign sounding letter "*Giving the Green Light For Renewable Energy in San Diego County*", to the Sept 24th Board of Supervisors hearing. The letter directs the County CAO to relax existing requirements and allow wind testing meteorological test towers to be installed with an Administrative Permit rather than the current Major Use Permit. Why allow industrial wind companies to test on private property where wind turbines exceeding 80 feet are not allowed?

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Public comment. The Group cannot take action on items that are not on the agenda. **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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